

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process comprising the steps of:
 - a) encrypting a plaintext message into a ciphertext message, the encrypting step includes the step of producing an ephemeral key pair; and
 - b) signing a digital signature using the ephemeral key pair.
2. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, wherein the encrypting step uses an El Gamal encryption scheme.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, wherein the step of signing a digital signature comprises generating the digital signature using a Nyberg-Rueppel digital signature scheme;
wherein the step of generating the digital signature includes hashing the plaintext message.
4. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, wherein the step of producing the ephemeral key pair comprises the steps of generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$, where G is a generator.
5. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, for encrypting messages

for communication between a sender and a receiver, the process further comprising the steps of,

at the sender,

- a) generating a sender private key a ; and
- b) calculating a sender public key $A = aG$, where G is a generator,

and at the receiver,

- a) generating a receiver private key b ; and
- b) calculating a receiver public key $B = bG$,

wherein the sender obtains an authentic copy of the receiver public key B and the receiver obtains an authentic copy of the sender public key A .

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- 6. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 5, wherein the step of producing the ephemeral key pair comprises the steps of generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$.
 - 7. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of, at the sender, generating a secret key $K = xB$ and encrypting a plaintext message using the secret key K to generate a ciphertext message.
 - 8. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of, at the sender, using the encryption private key x as a signature ephemeral private key and using the encryption ephemeral public key X as a signature ephemeral public key to generate a digital signature.

9. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 8, wherein the digital signature comprises a first value r and a second value s , the process further comprising the step of, at the sender, transmitting the encryption ephemeral public key X , the ciphertext message and the second value s of the digital signature to the receiver.
10. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of, at the receiver, generating the secret key $K = bX$, decrypting the transmitted ciphertext message using the generated secret key K , calculating the first value r of the digital signature using the decrypted message and the transmitted encryption ephemeral public key X and validating the digital signature based on the calculated first value r and the transmitted second value s .
11. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, implemented in a wireless communication system.
12. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, implemented in a wireless hand-held communication device.
13. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, implemented in a personal digital assistant.
14. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, implemented in a

cellular phone.

15. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption process according to claim 1, implemented in a two-way pager.

16. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system comprising:

a) means for encrypting a plaintext message into a ciphertext message, the means for encrypting producing an ephemeral key pair; and

b) means for signing a digital signature using the ephemeral key pair.

17. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, wherein the means for encrypting employs an El Gamal encryption scheme.

18. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, wherein the means for signing a digital signature generates the digital signature using a Nyberg-Rueppel digital signature scheme.

19. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, wherein the means for encrypting produces the ephemeral key pair by generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$ where G is a generator.

20. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, for encrypting messages for communication between a sender and a receiver, the system further comprising, at the

sender,

a) means for generating a sender private key a ; and

b) means for calculating a sender public key $A = aG$, where G is a generator, and at the receiver,

a) means for generating a receiver private key b ; and

b) means for calculating a receiver public key $B = bG$,

wherein the sender obtains an authentic copy of the receiver public key B and the receiver obtains authentic copy of the sender public key A .

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21. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 20, wherein the means for encrypting produces the ephemeral key pair by generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$.
 22. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 21, wherein the means for encrypting generates a secret key $K = xB$ and uses the secret key K to encrypt a plaintext message and thereby generate a ciphertext message.
 23. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 22, wherein the means for signing uses the encryption private key x as a signature ephemeral private key and uses the encryption ephemeral public key X as a signature ephemeral public key to generate a digital signature.
 24. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 23, wherein the digital

signature comprises a first value r and a second value s , the system further comprising, at the sender, means for transmitting the encryption ephemeral public key X , the ciphertext message and only the second value s of the digital signature to the receiver.

25. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 24, further comprising, at the receiver, means for decrypting a ciphertext message and means for validating a digital signature, wherein the means for decrypting generates the secret key $K = bX$ and decrypts the transmitted ciphertext message using the generated secret key K , and the means for validating calculates the first value r of the digital signature using the decrypted message and the transmitted encryption ephemeral public key X and validates the digital signature based on the calculated first value r and the transmitted second value s .

26. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, implemented in a wireless communication system.

27. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, implemented in a wireless hand-held communication device.

28. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, implemented in a personal digital assistant.

29. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, implemented in a cellular phone.

30. (ORIGINAL) A public-key encryption system according to claim 16, implemented in a two-way pager.

31. (ORIGINAL) A software program on a computer-readable storage medium, which when executed by a processor performs a public-key encryption process comprising the steps of:

- a) encrypting a plaintext message into a ciphertext message, the encrypting step includes the step of producing an ephemeral key pair; and
- b) signing a digital signature for the ciphertext message using the ephemeral key.

32. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, wherein the encrypting step uses an El Gamal encryption scheme.

33. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, wherein the step of signing a digital signature comprises generating the digital signature using a Nyberg-Rueppel digital signature scheme.

34. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, wherein the step of producing the ephemeral key pair comprises the steps of generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$, where G is a generator.

35. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, for encrypting messages for communication between a sender and a receiver, the software program performing the further

steps of, at the sender,

- a) generating a sender private key a ; and
- b) calculating a sender public key $A = aG$, where G is a generator,

and at the receiver,

- a) generating a receiver private key b ; and
- b) calculating a receiver public key $B = bG$,

wherein the sender obtains an authentic copy of the receiver public key B and the receiver obtains an authentic copy of the sender public key A .

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- 36. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 35, wherein the step of producing the ephemeral key pair comprises the steps of generating an encryption ephemeral private key x and calculating an encryption ephemeral public key $X = xG$.
 - 37. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 36, wherein the software program performs the further steps of, at the sender, generating a secret key $K = xB$ and encrypting a plaintext message using the secret key K to generate a ciphertext message.
 - 38. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 37, wherein the software program performs the further steps of, at the sender, using the encryption private key x as a signature ephemeral private key and using the encryption ephemeral public key X as a signature ephemeral public key to generate a digital signature.
 - 39. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 38, wherein the digital signature

comprises a first value r and a second value s , the software program performing the further step of, at the sender, transmitting the encryption ephemeral public key X , the ciphertext message and the second value s of the digital signature to the receiver.

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40. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 39, the software program performing the steps of, at the receiver, generating the secret key $K = bX$, decrypting the transmitted ciphertext message using the generated secret key K , calculating the first value r of the digital signature using the decrypted message and the transmitted encryption ephemeral public key X and validating the digital signature based on the calculated first value r and the transmitted second value s .

41. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, installed in a wireless communication system.

42. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, installed in a wireless hand-held communication device.

43. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, installed in a personal digital assistant.

44. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, installed in a cellular phone.

45. (ORIGINAL) A software program according to claim 31, installed in a two-way pager.